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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Teanne Rose, Executive Officer
State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
421 NW 13th Street, Ste. 180
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

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Dear Executive Officer Rose:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to take regarding an application to hire a psychological technician. The Board has found that the applicant's experience and academic record do not qualify the applicant to be a psychological technician. The Board proposes to deny the application.

The Psychologists Licensing Act gives the Board the power and duty to regulate the practice of psychology in Oklahoma and to develop and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Act. 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 1352.1. The Board has promulgated rules allowing licensed psychologists to hire psychological technicians who meet certain criteria. OAC 575:10-1-7. The Board may approve or deny any application for psychological technician at the Board's discretion. *Id.* The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to uphold the standards of the profession.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has adequate support for the conclusion that the proposed action advances the State's policy to protect the public by only approving applications for qualified applicants.

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